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**Statement by Delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the
International Organizations in Vienna at the 1194th meeting of the
OSCE Permanent Council in response to the address by
Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
of Italy, H.E. Enzo Moavero Milanesi
(30 August, 2018)**

Thank you Mr.Chairperson,

We warmly welcome the Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE – His Excellency, Mr Enzo Moavero Milanesi to the Permanent Council and thank him for his presentation of Italy’s priorities for the rest of the year. We commend the work and efforts of Italian Chairmanship, in particular role and personal involvement of Ambassador Azzoni and his able team, over past 8 months on strengthening the Organization in the framework of all three dimensions, as well as budget reform, conflict cycle, arms control, including further deepening of structured dialogue.

We express our full support to the efforts of Italian Chairmanship to seek a peaceful resolution of the conflict in and around Ukraine on the basis of the Minsk agreements. In the same vein, we support focus on strengthening the OSCE’s work to address protracted conflicts in the South Caucasus and Transdnistria through the existing formats. In this regard, we commend the unprecedented progress in the Transdnistrian

settlement process, which had impact not only on pace, but also on quality of negotiations.

We adhere to a balanced and realistic approach to conflicts resolution which is based on the fundamental principles of international law. Kazakhstan supports continuation of relevant negotiations in all formats and at all levels to foster meaningful solutions to conflict situations, improve conditions of ordinary people in the conflict affected areas. Kazakhstan is ready to contribute respectively.

We believe that preventive tool box of the OSCE to tackle existing conflicts, growing challenges like terrorism, radicalization, trafficking in human beings and uncontrolled migrants influx should be further developed. We agree that the Euro-Mediterranean security should be high on the OSCE agenda. In this context, the role of the Astana process on Syria in reducing those challenges for Europe is significant.

Meantime focus on the Eurasian security aspects should be kept since the situation in Afghanistan is also important in ensuring stability and security in the OSCE area. Kazakhstan strongly supports and relevantly contributes to viewing Afghanistan as an important and high-potential partner. Therefore we underline the critical importance of connectivity and enhanced interaction between Afghanistan and neighbouring countries, inter

alia by implementing regional infrastructure, trade, investment and transit transportation projects.

We highly encourage promoting of synergy between OSCE and such international institutions as CICA, SCO, CSTO, which play a significant role in the development of regional and sub-regional co-operation in tackling current security challenges.

While addressing all those threats, issues of human rights, democracy and rule of law should be combined with responsibility, solidarity and social order. Modern trends of violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism, particularly in light of popularization of radical views in Europe, as well as the danger of intrastate and interstate armed conflicts require a broadening and strengthening of inter-ethnic and inter-religious, intercultural and inter-civilizational dialogue in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian space.

In this regard, we welcome organization of CiO/ODIHR Conference on Tolerance and non-discrimination on religious grounds on 22-23 October in Rome, where Kazakhstan will present main results of the VI Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions to be held in Astana on 10-11 October with participation of OSCE Secretary General and the CiO's three Personal Representatives on Religious Affairs.

Dear Mr.Minister,

I would like to thank the Italian Chairmanship for entrusting Kazakhstan to chair the Economic and Environmental Committee this year.

We believe that OSCE has its great potential to enhance economic connectivity throughout the region, and thus will contribute to the formation of a common economic space from Vancouver to Vladivostok, as it was underlined in the Astana Declaration in 2010.

Two preparatory meetings of the Economic and Environmental Forum in Vienna and Venice have demonstrated that priorities of the Italian Chairmanship in the second dimension aiming to enhance dialogue on issues of Promoting economic progress and security in the OSCE area through digitalisation, innovation, human capital development, and good public and corporate governance are on a right track. I would like to note that priorities of Chairmanship correspond closely to the priorities outlined by President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev in his annual Address to the Nation.

We believe that next week in Prague, we will make a step forward towards possible deliverables in the second dimension at the Ministerial Meeting in Milan and confirm the role of our Organization as an effective dialogue platform for enhancing peace and security in the OSCE area.

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In conclusion, let me assure you, Mr Minister, in our full support of the Chairmanship's priorities. We wish you and your team every success in all endeavors!

I thank you.